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criticizing and explaining the platform of the Socialist Party, clause by clause, are particularly suggestive and helpful.

A. F.

Papers and Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Society held at Washington, D. C., Dec. 28-31, 1915. War and Militarism in their Sociological Aspects. Pp. 166. Price, \$1.00. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1916.

PARSONS, ELSIE CLEWS. *Social Freedom: A Study of the Conflicts between Social Classification and Personality.* Pp. 106. Price, \$1.00. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1915.

An exceedingly keen analysis of the reaction of developing personality against the psychic and social barriers created by age, sex, kin, caste and place classifications. Old struggles between individual and group consciousness are presented in a new light. Emancipated society will witness the freest possible contact among personalities regardless of the old categories.

J. P. L.

SCOTT, H. PERCY. *The New Slavery.* Pp. 187. Price, \$1.00. Toronto: William Briggs.

The author senses the severe pressure that the modern consumer is feeling, due to the general rise in the costs of living. A third of his book consists of selections gleaned from current newspapers, lectures and magazines to show that the consumer's trouble is widespread—ever breeding discontent and lawlessness. It is the new slavery of the common people.

A search for causes is made. The roots of the problem reach back into the reign of gigantic industrial combinations and trusts, which, in addition to controlling the commodities of living, have taken into their keeping the monetary and banking systems. In the way of solution he sees "The New Era" in which a consumer's guild is to obtain control of the situation. Quoting the power that should be wielded upon the trusts, he says: "The government should allow the corporation enough of its earnings to pay a good working dividend, say six or eight per cent. Then all the surpluses should be pooled, and the price of commodity—coal, meat, sugar, or what not—fixed for the consumer accordingly."

Nothing fundamentally new is found in the book, but one appreciates the outlining of necessary organization to be carried on by the consumers in order to obtain a more effective social control.

C. R.

SLINGERLAND, WILLIAM H. (Ed.) *Child Welfare Work in Pennsylvania.* Pp. xviii, 352. *A Child Welfare Symposium.* Pp. viii, 138. Price, \$2.00. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1915.

Child Welfare Work in Pennsylvania is an intensive analysis of the institutions for children, and of the general methods of child care in one state. Dr. Hastings H. Hart, Russell Sage Director of the Department of Child-Helping, has provided the introduction. The material for the book was collected in a series of first